

- II. Claims 19-21 and 26-32, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a nucleotide primer sequence SEQ ID NO: 6, classified in Class 514, subclass 44;
- III. Claims 22-24 and 26-32, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a nucleotide primer sequence SEQ ID NO: 7, classified in Class 514, subclass 44; and
- IV. Claims 25-32, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising an RNA sequence, classified in Class 536, subclass 24.5.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I with traverse. The Examiner said that the inventions of Groups I-IV are unrelated yet, each of the groups contains claims 26-32. Thus, it is Applicants' opinion that the restriction requirement is not well taken and that the Examiner should withdraw same and examine all of the claims in the application.

Since Applicants have elected Group I, the Examiner has required a further election of a specific combination from the species of:

- (1) a specific allergen;
- (2) a specific peptide epitope of a cystine protease;
- (3) a specific antihistamine compound; and
- (4) a specific inhibitor of histamine synthesis.

Applicant hereby elects species (4)--a specific inhibitor of histamine synthesis. Claims 1-4, 10, 11, 14-

18, and 26-32 are generic and claims 12 and 13 are specific to the elected species.

An early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is hereby requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Commissioner determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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